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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday October 26, 2021

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# Summary of the Upcoming Week



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- **Today**: Enhanced to Slight Risk of severe storms for much of OK into N/W/Central TX. Elevated to critical fire weather for E NM, W TX, TX/OK Panhandles, TX S Plains.
- **Wednesday**: Slight Risk of severe storms for E/SE TX into LA. Isolated flash flooding possible across parts of E&SE TX, E OK, W/S AR, and all of LA. Elevated to critical fire weather for E NM, W/SW/South TX, TX/OK Panhandles, TX S Plains, W OK.
- **Thursday**: Elevated to critical fire weather across W OK, TX/OK Panhandles, TX S Plains, NW TX.

# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Oct 26, 2021 - Oct 30, 2021



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DAY / THREAT	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Severe Storms	W/Cntrl OK, NW/W-Cntrl TX	LA, E&SE TX			
	E-Cntrl OK, N-Cntrl/Cntrl/W TX				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding		E&SE TX, E OK, W/S AR, LA			
Fire Weather	TX/OK Panhandles	STX, NE NM, W TX/OK Panhandles	W OK, NW TX, TX S Plains, TX/OK Panhandles		
	W TX, E NM	W/SW TX, W OK, TX/OK Panhandles			
Tropical Winds / Surge					
Winter Weather					
River Flooding					

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*



# Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf



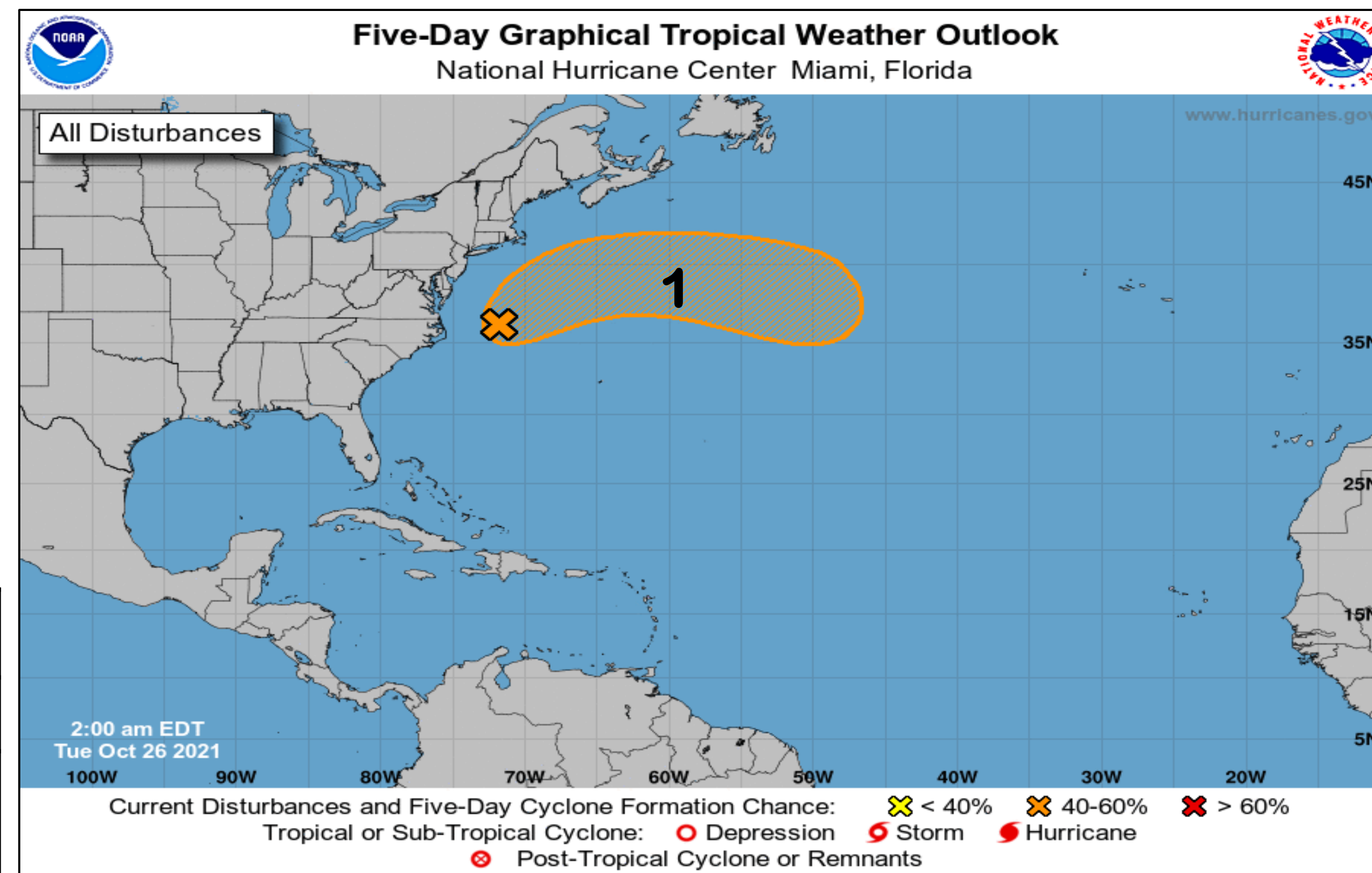
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## Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
1	Medium	None.

## Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
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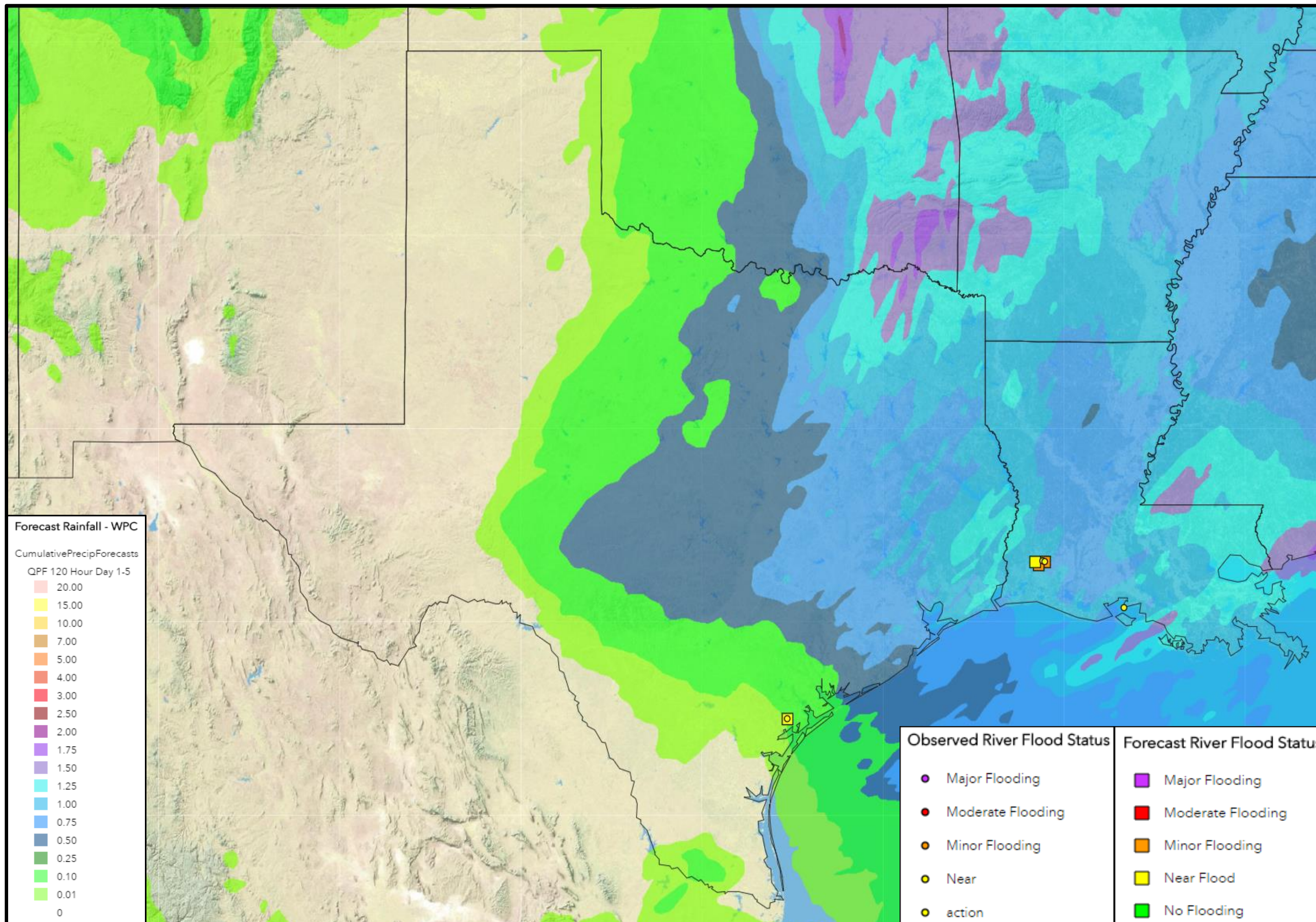


# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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*Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall*



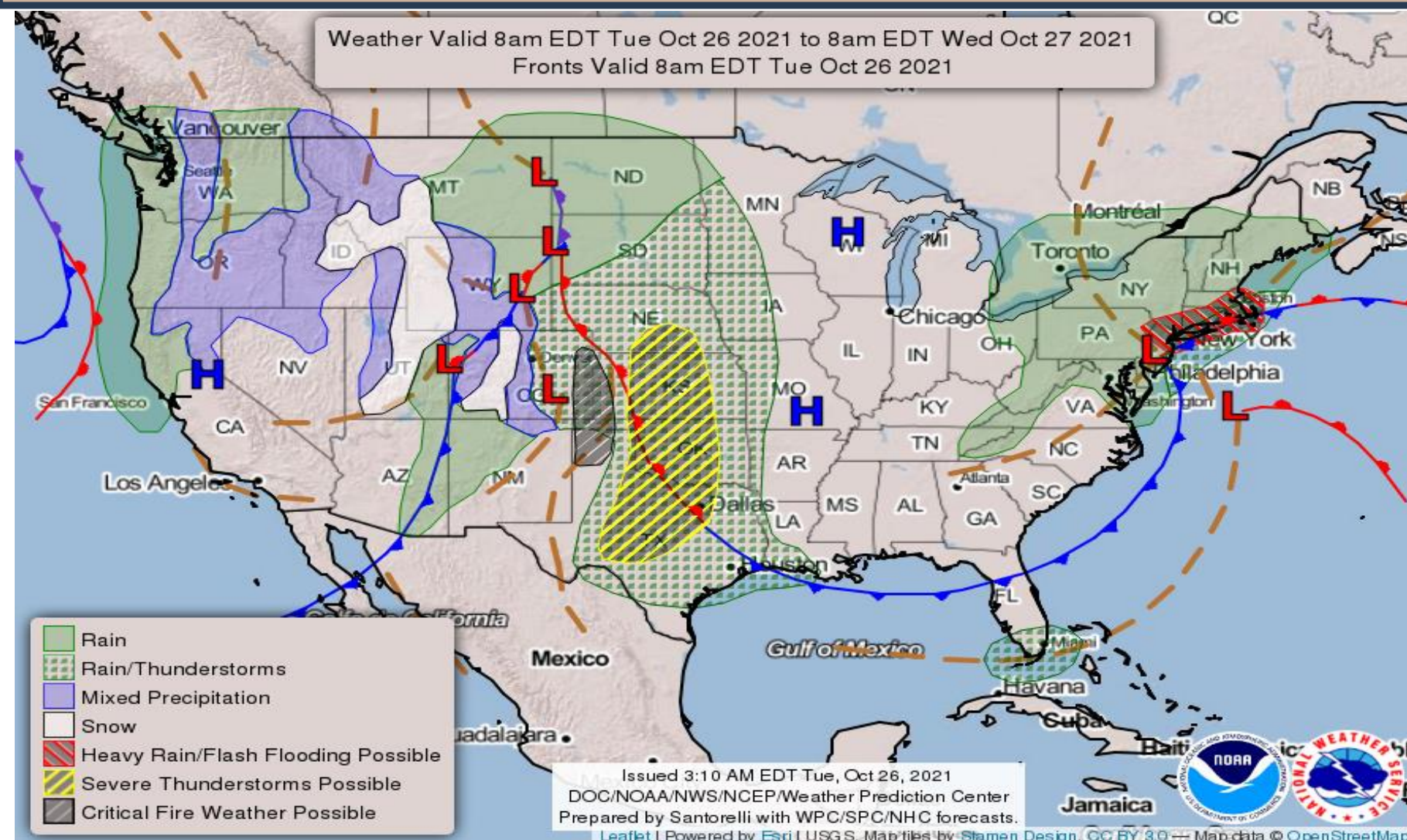
**The Calcasieu River at White Oak Park in SW LA may be at or near minor river flooding at times over the next few days. No significant impacts.**

**No new river flooding is expected over the next 5 days.**

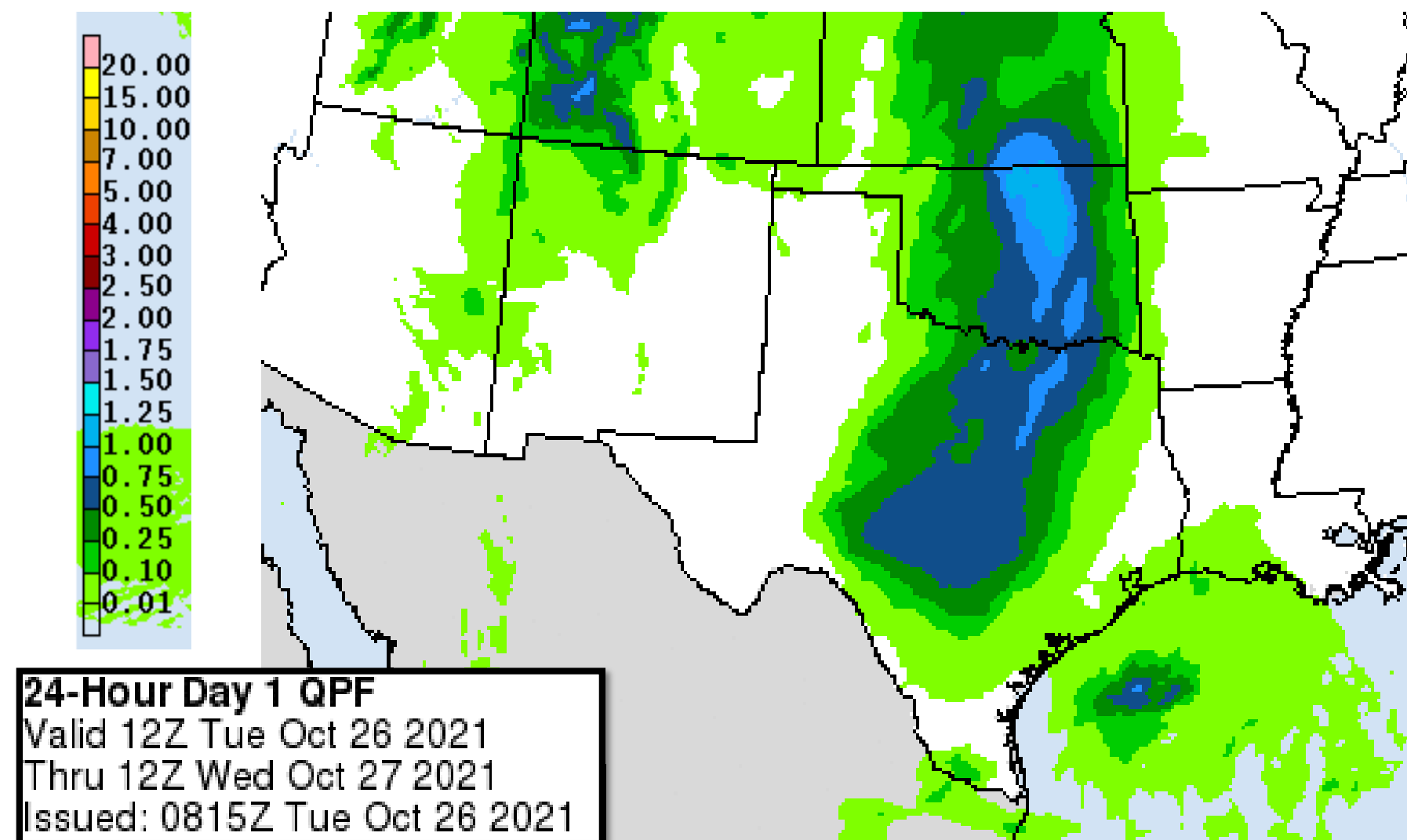


# Today's Weather

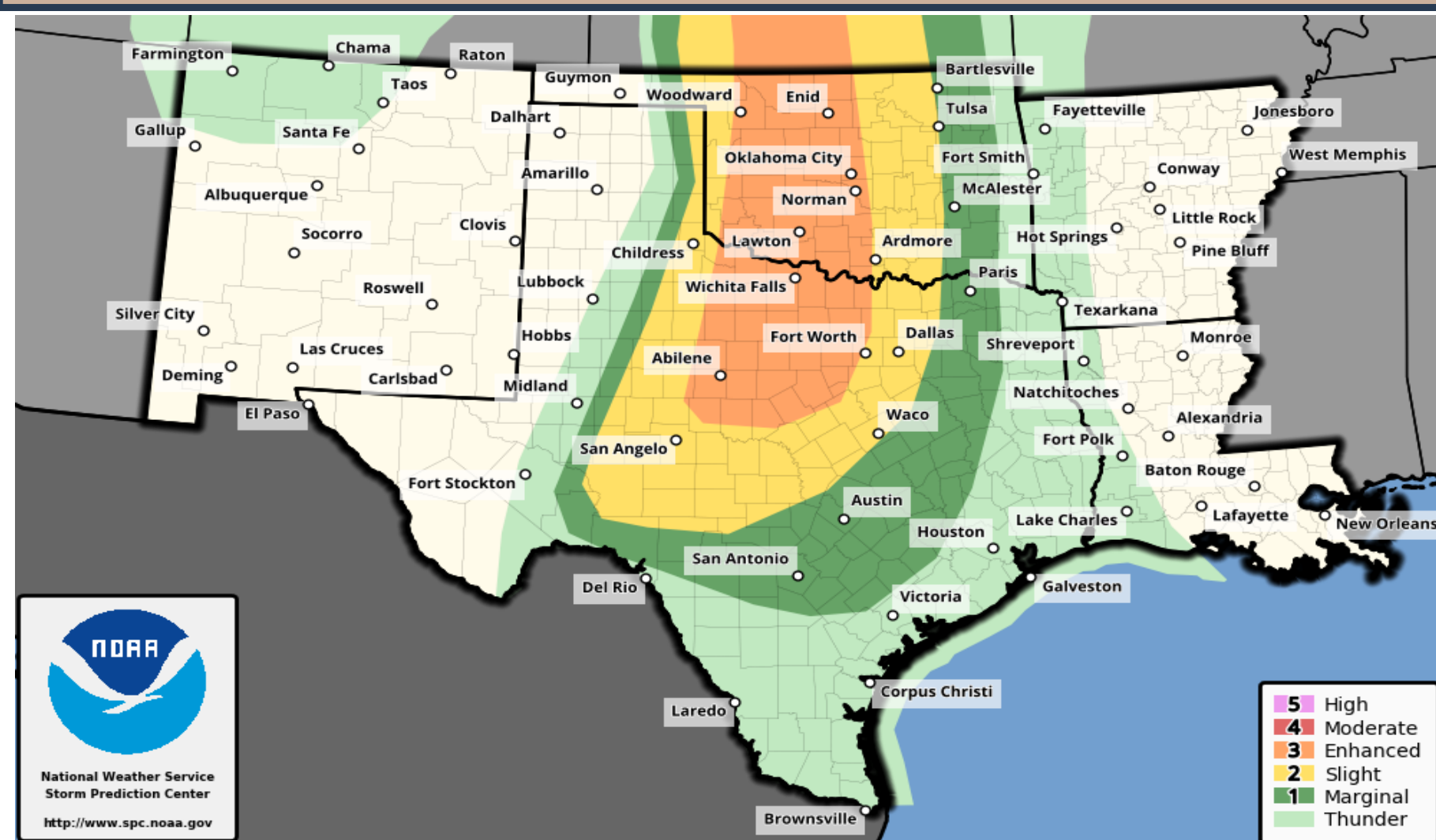
## Forecast Chart



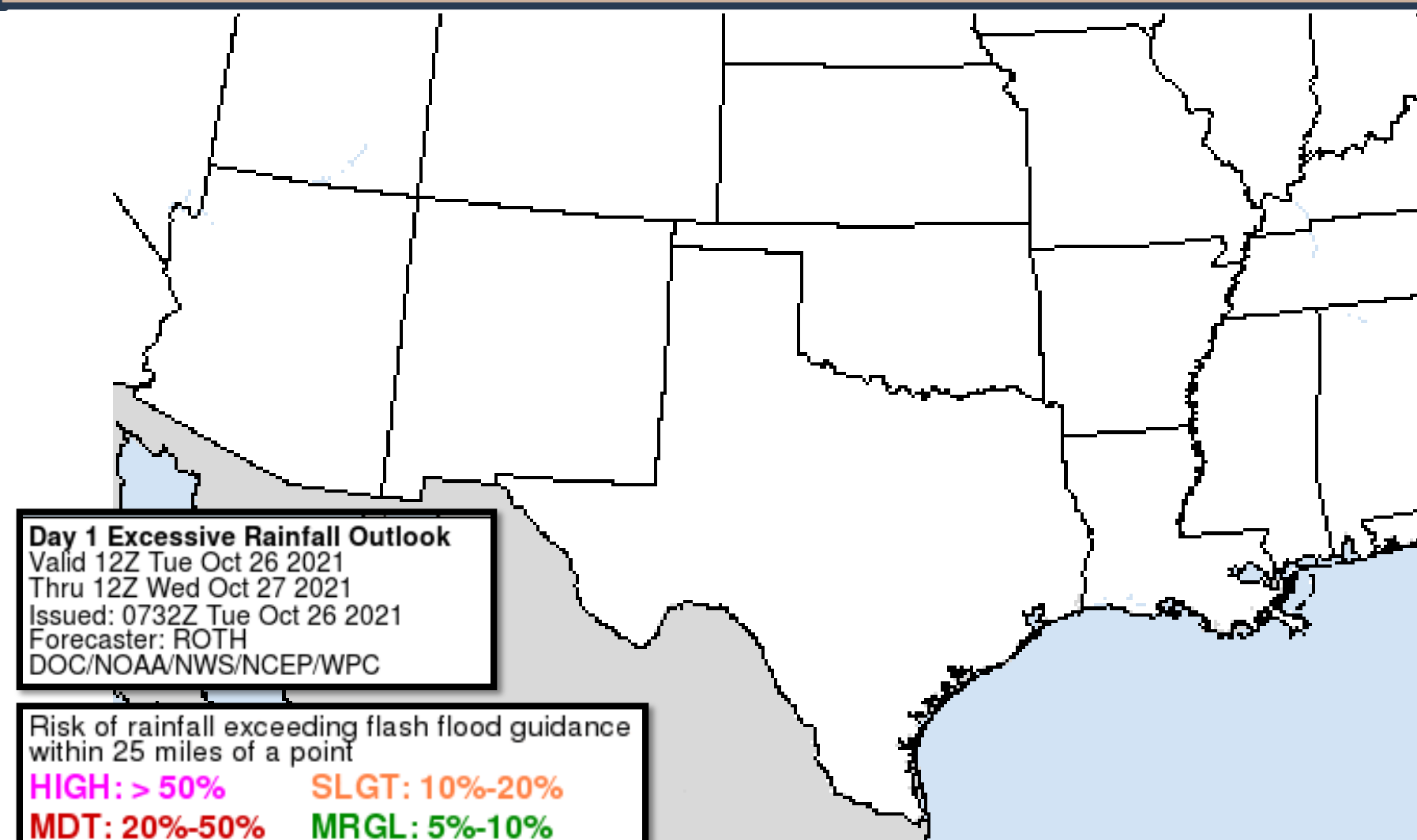
## Forecast Rainfall



## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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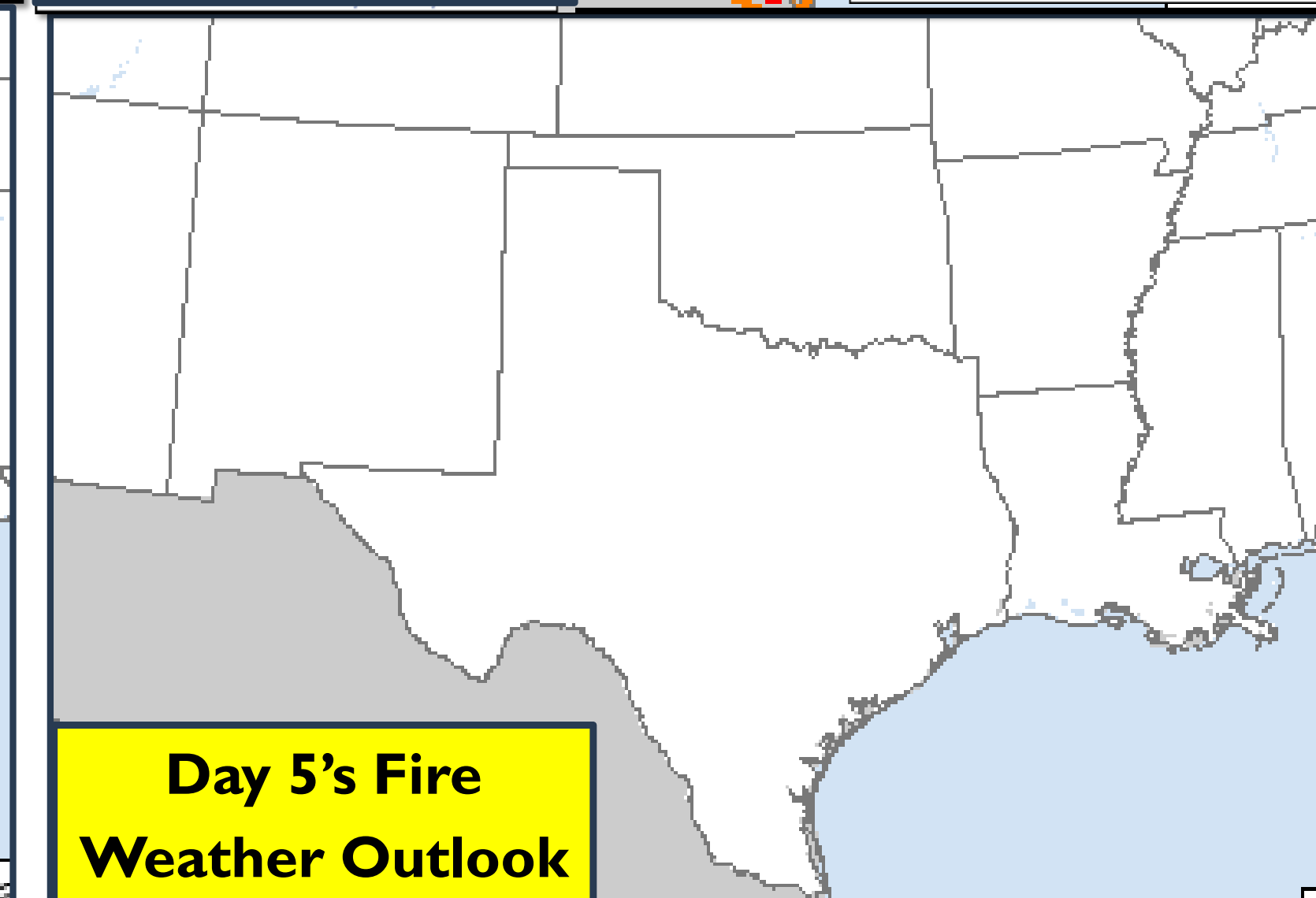
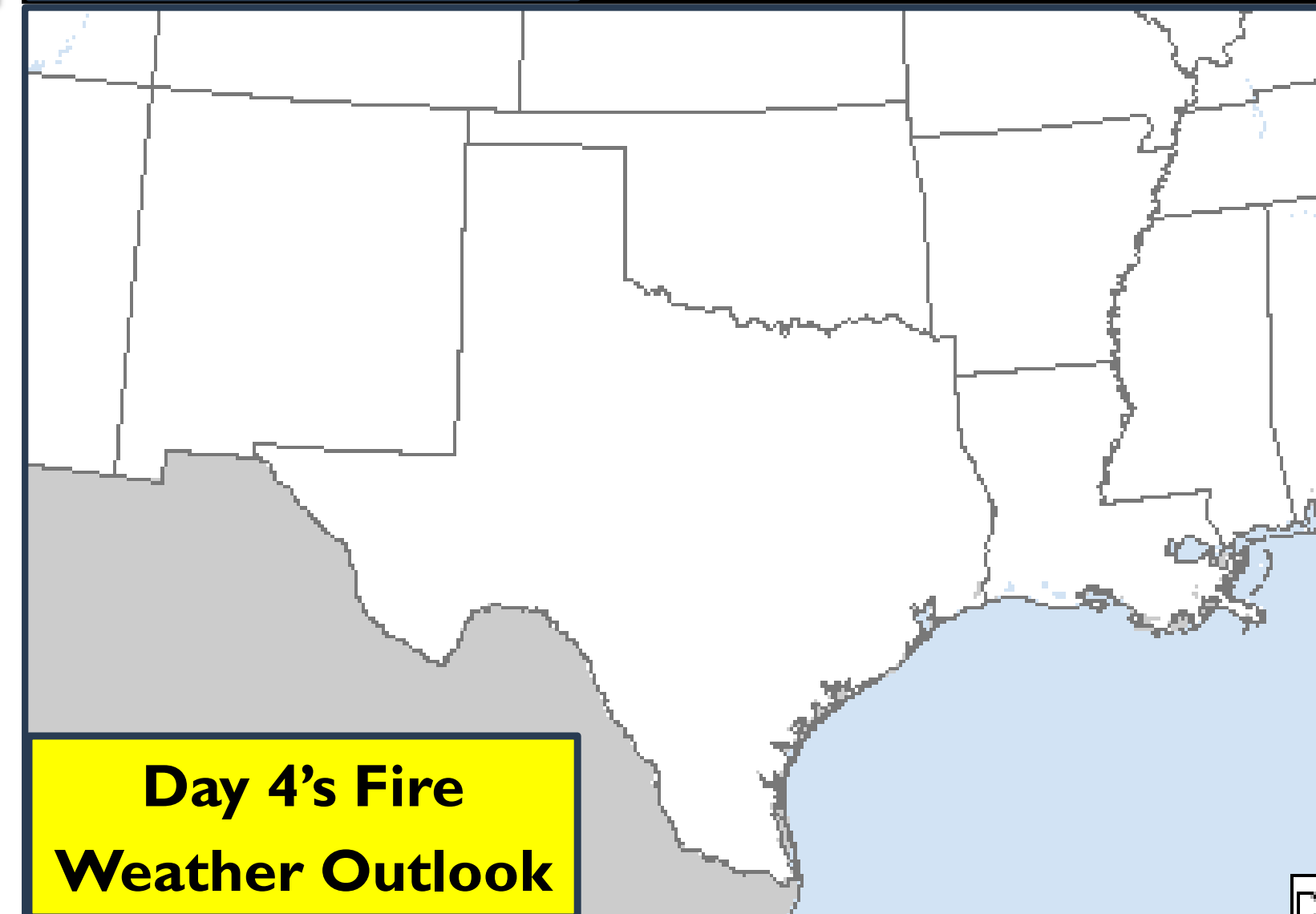
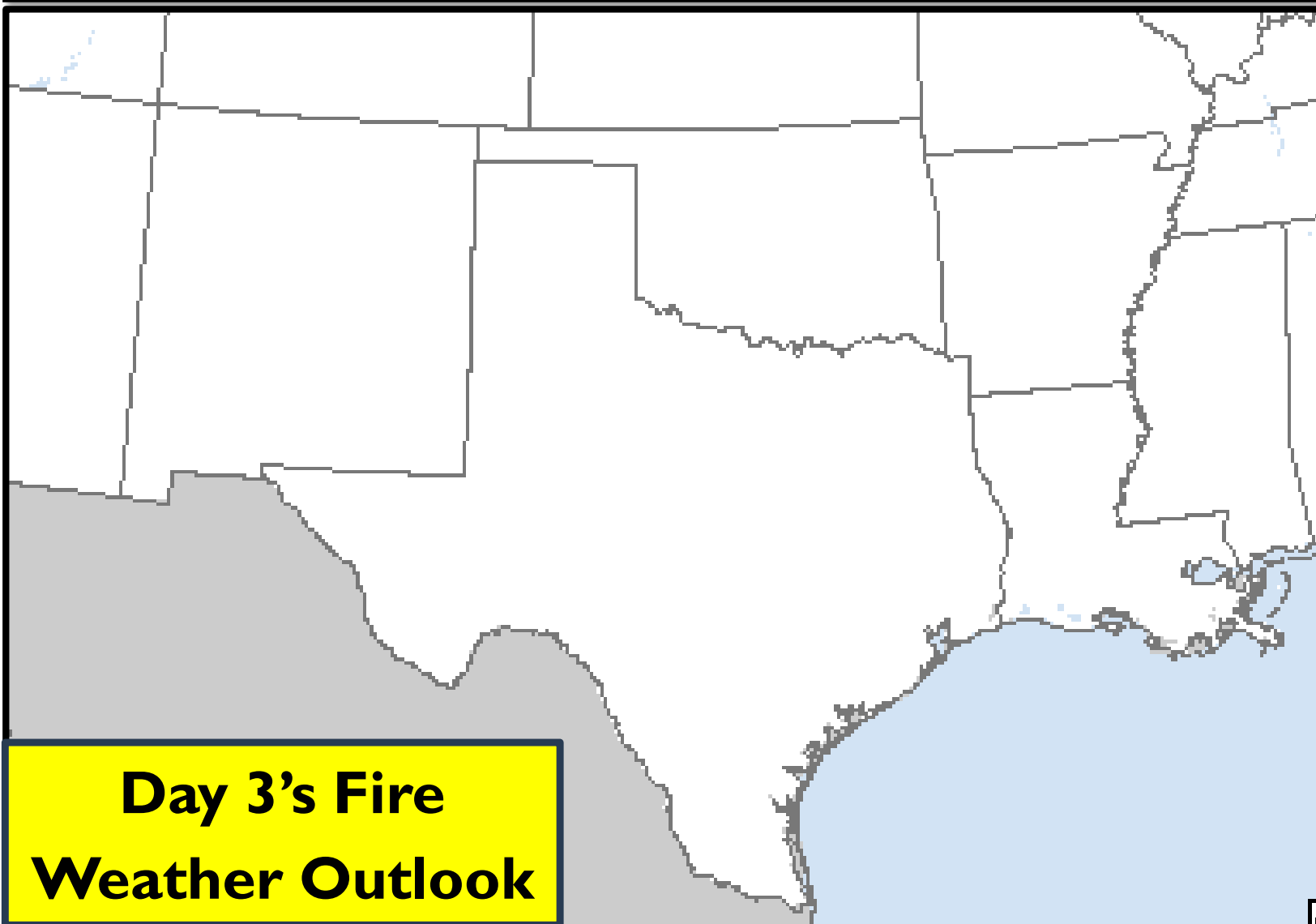
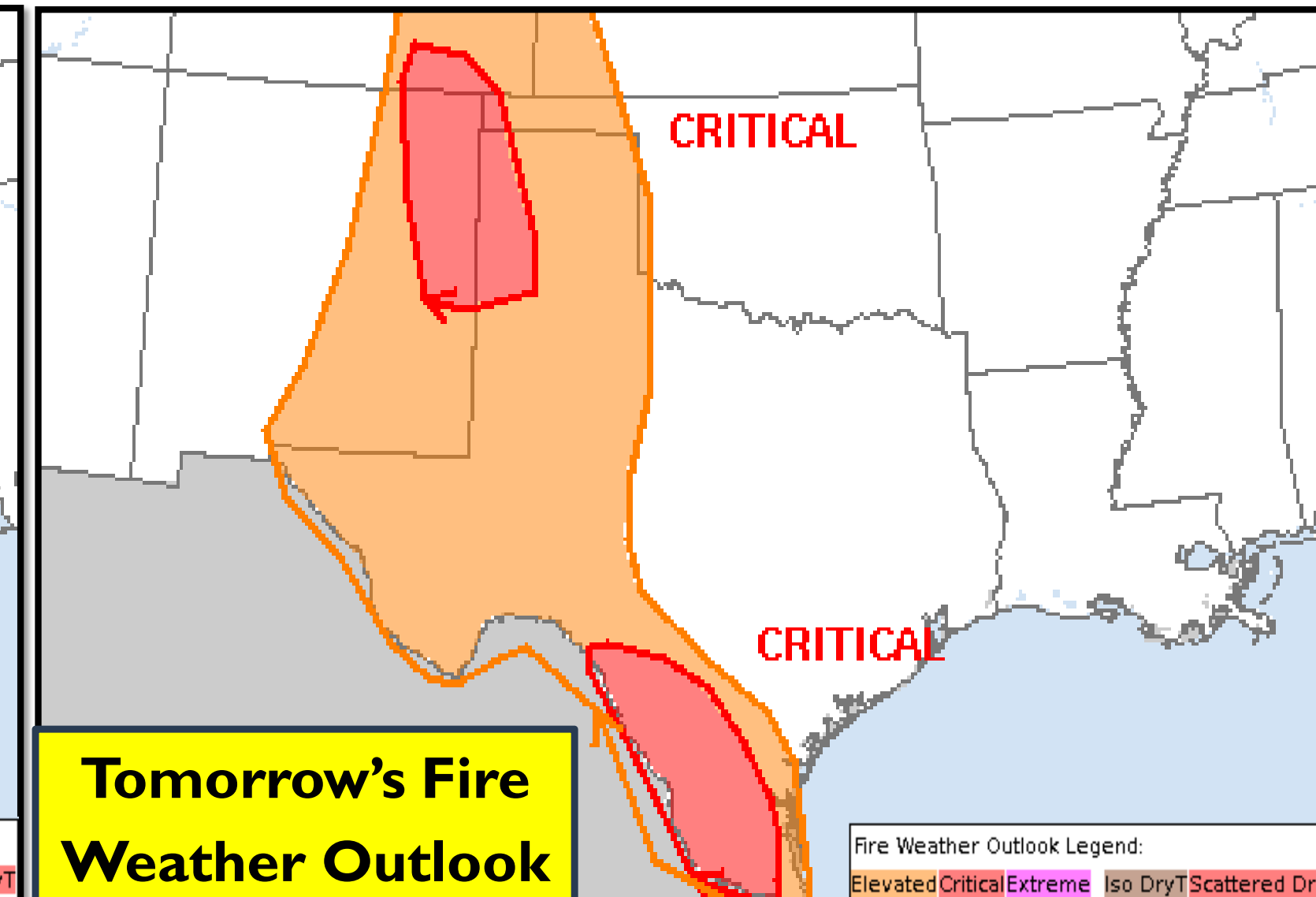
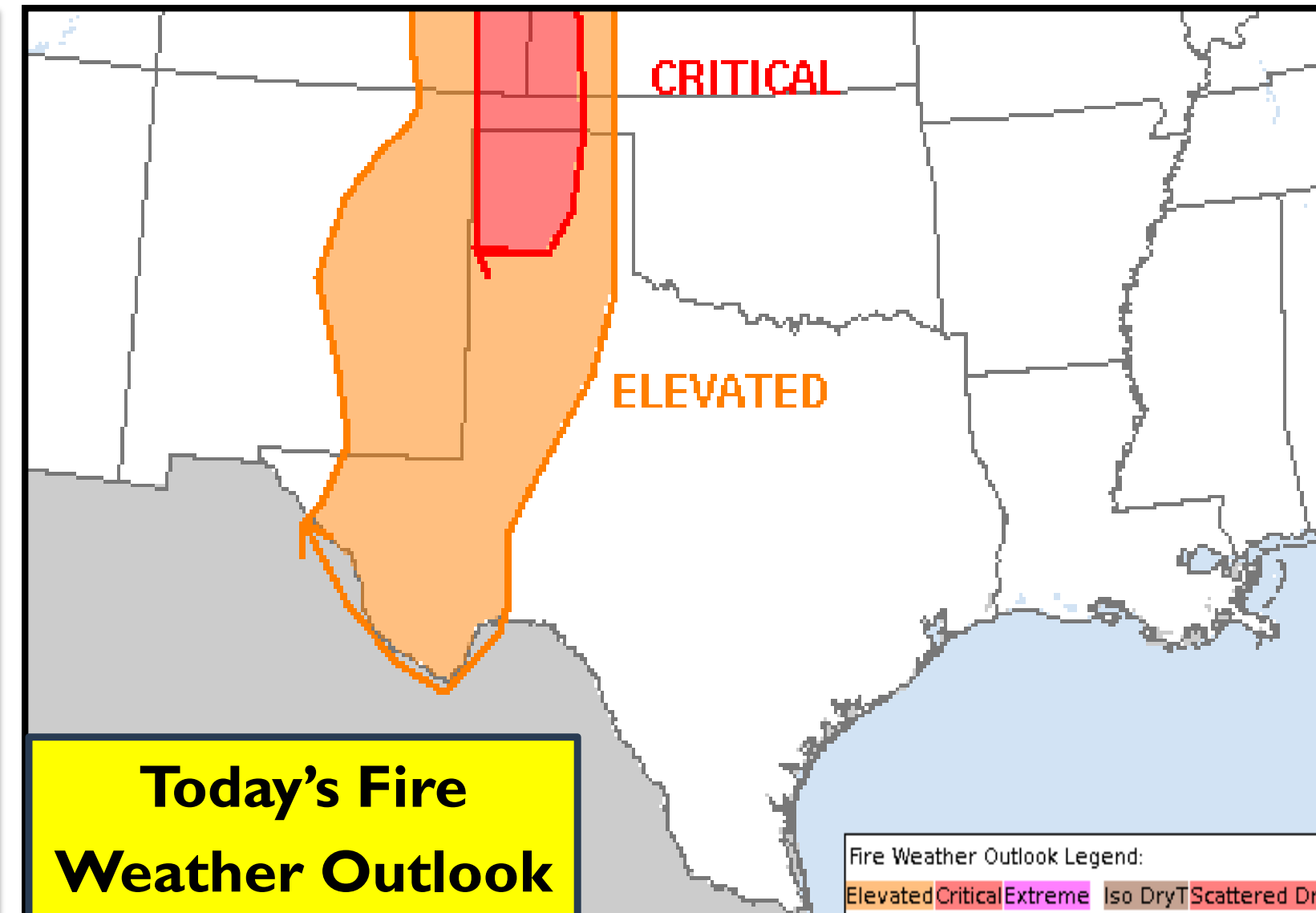
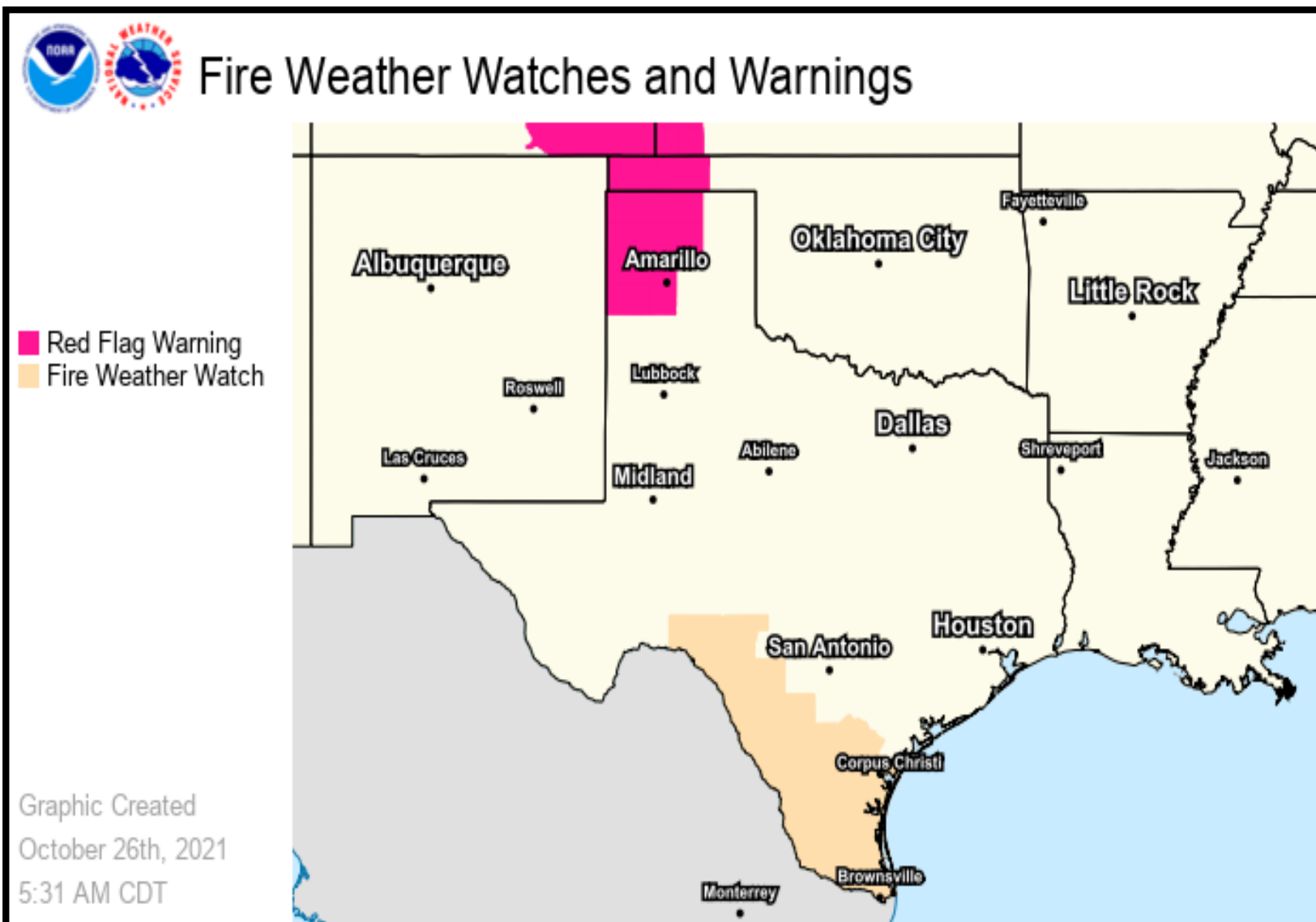
Enhanced to Slight Risk of severe thunderstorms across much of OK into N/W/Central TX. Scattered severe storms w/ primarily severe wind gusts (some possibly significant), a few tornadoes, and isolated large hail is expected from late afternoon through the evening for approximately the western half of the risk area and this evening into tonight/early Wednesday morning for approximately the eastern half of the risk area.



# Fire Weather Outlooks



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**Note: Days 3-5 only highlight Critical areas**

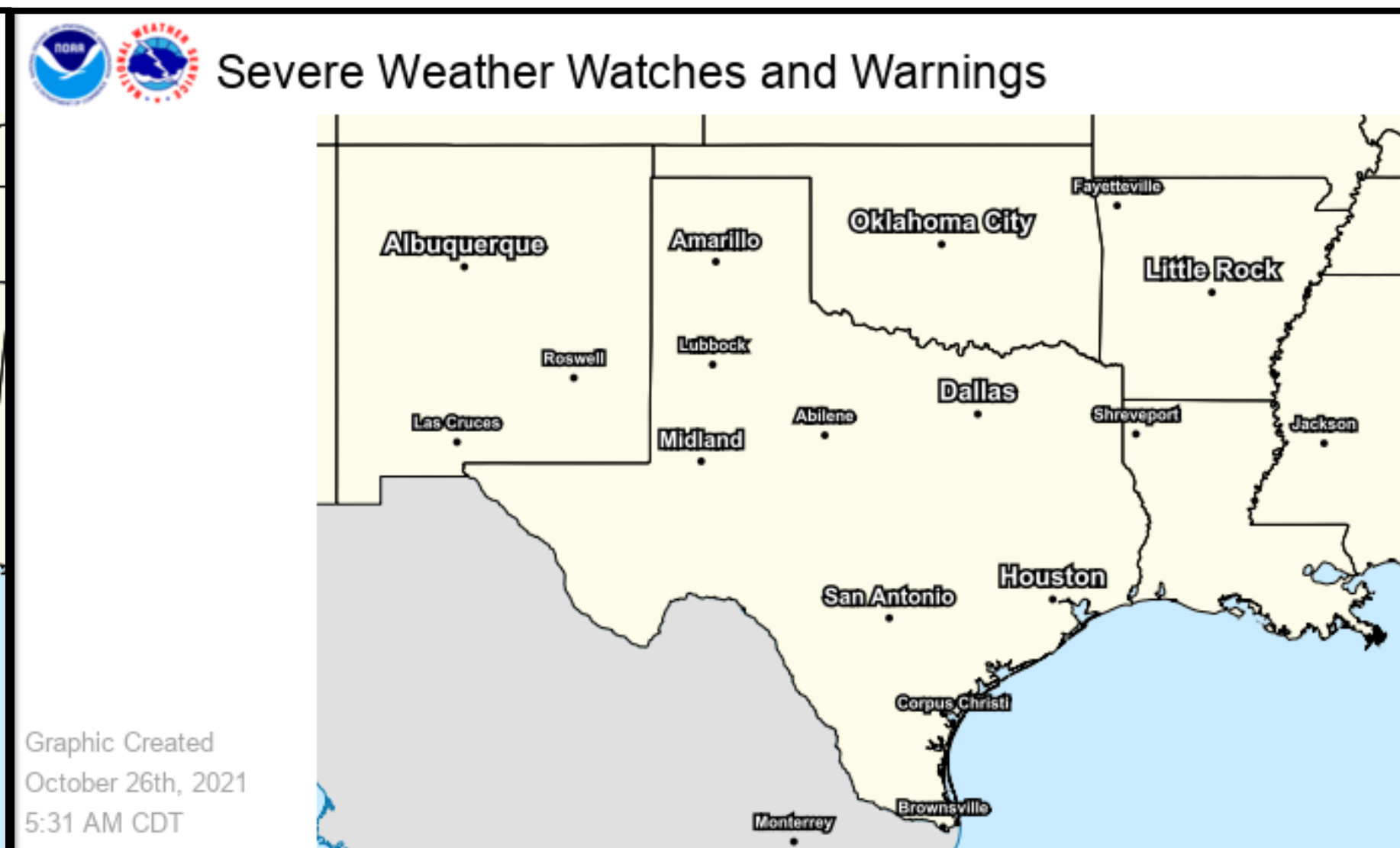
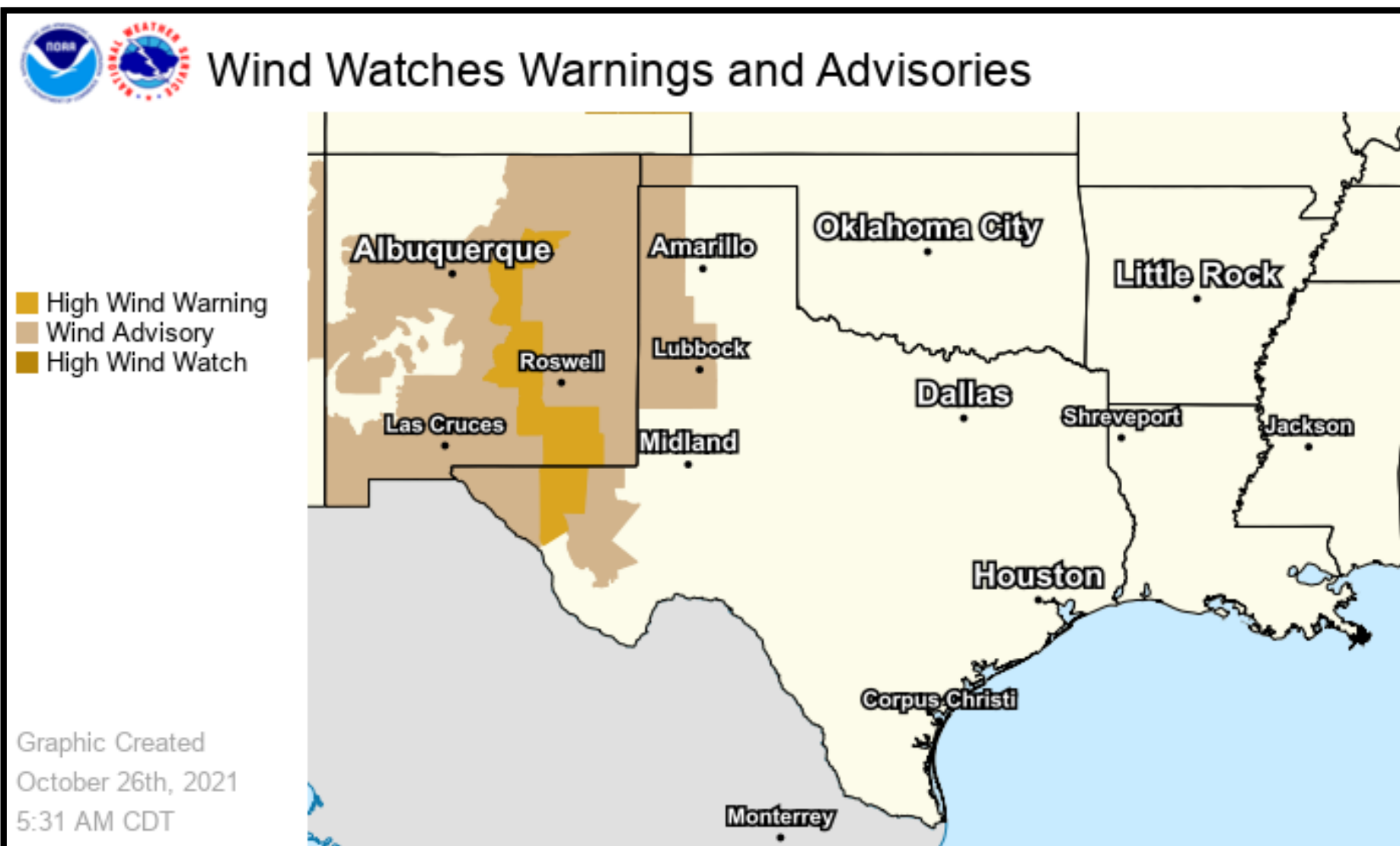
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# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

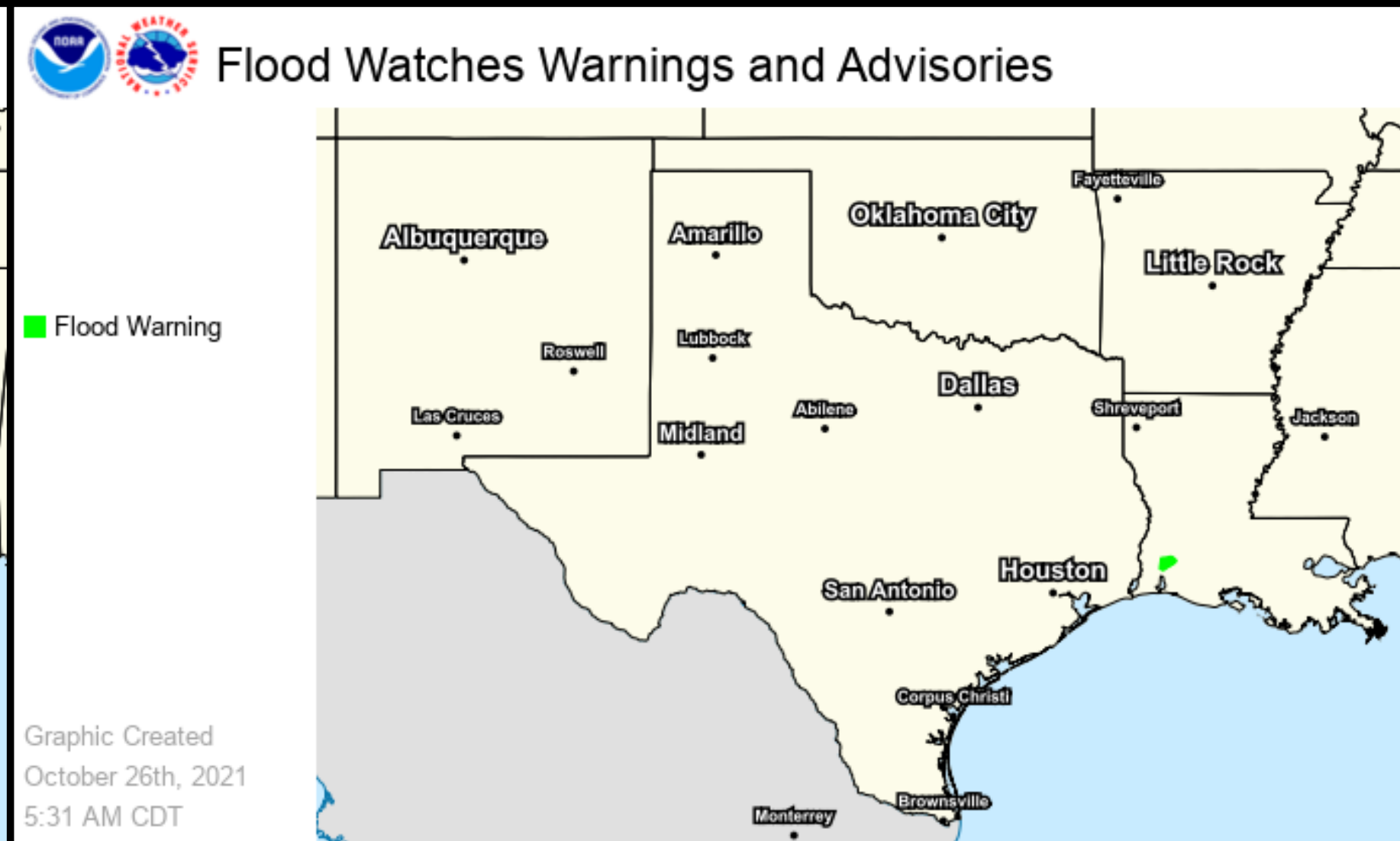
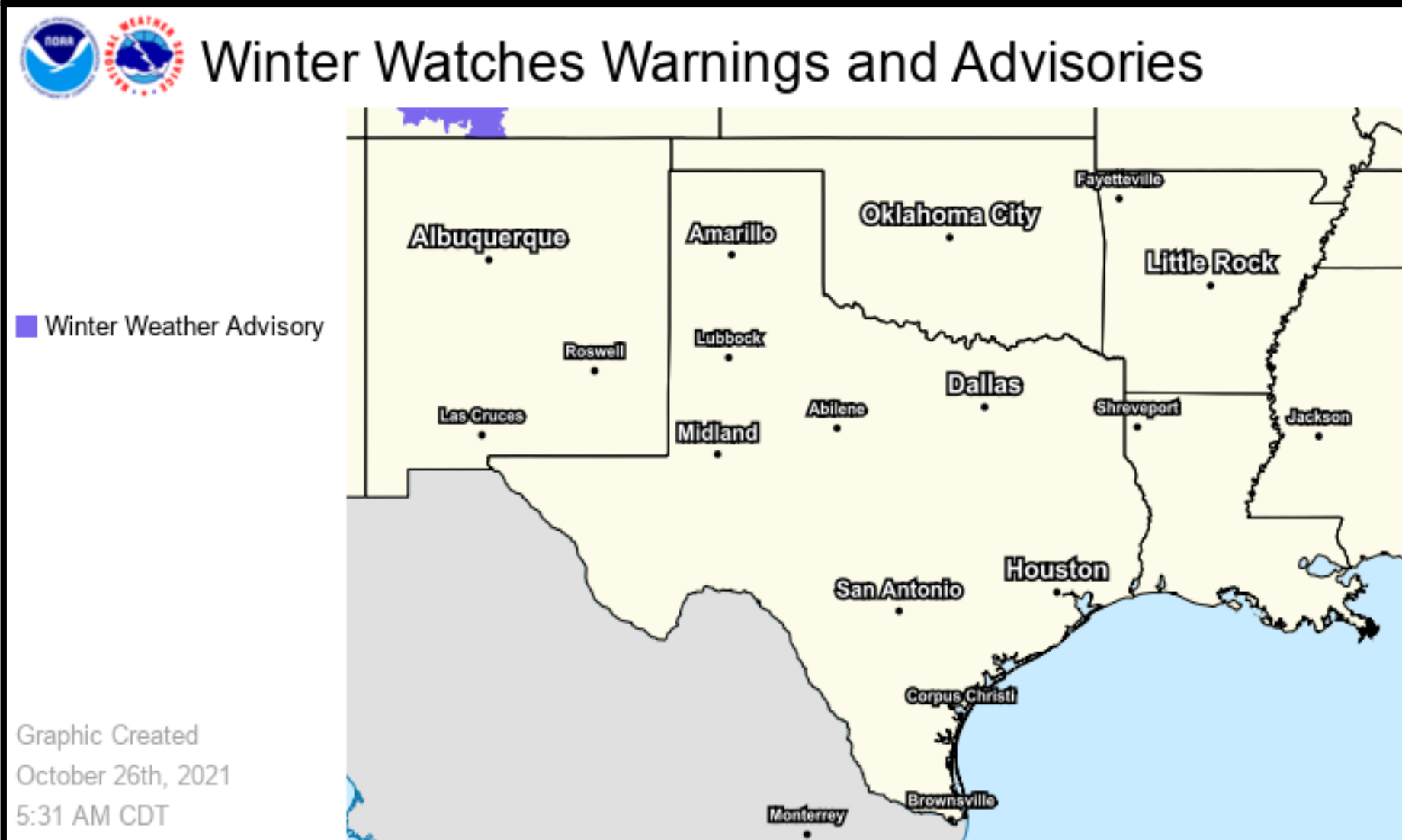
Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards



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**High wind warnings and wind advisories for much of NM into Far W TX and the western portions of the TX South Plains and TX/OK Panhandles.**



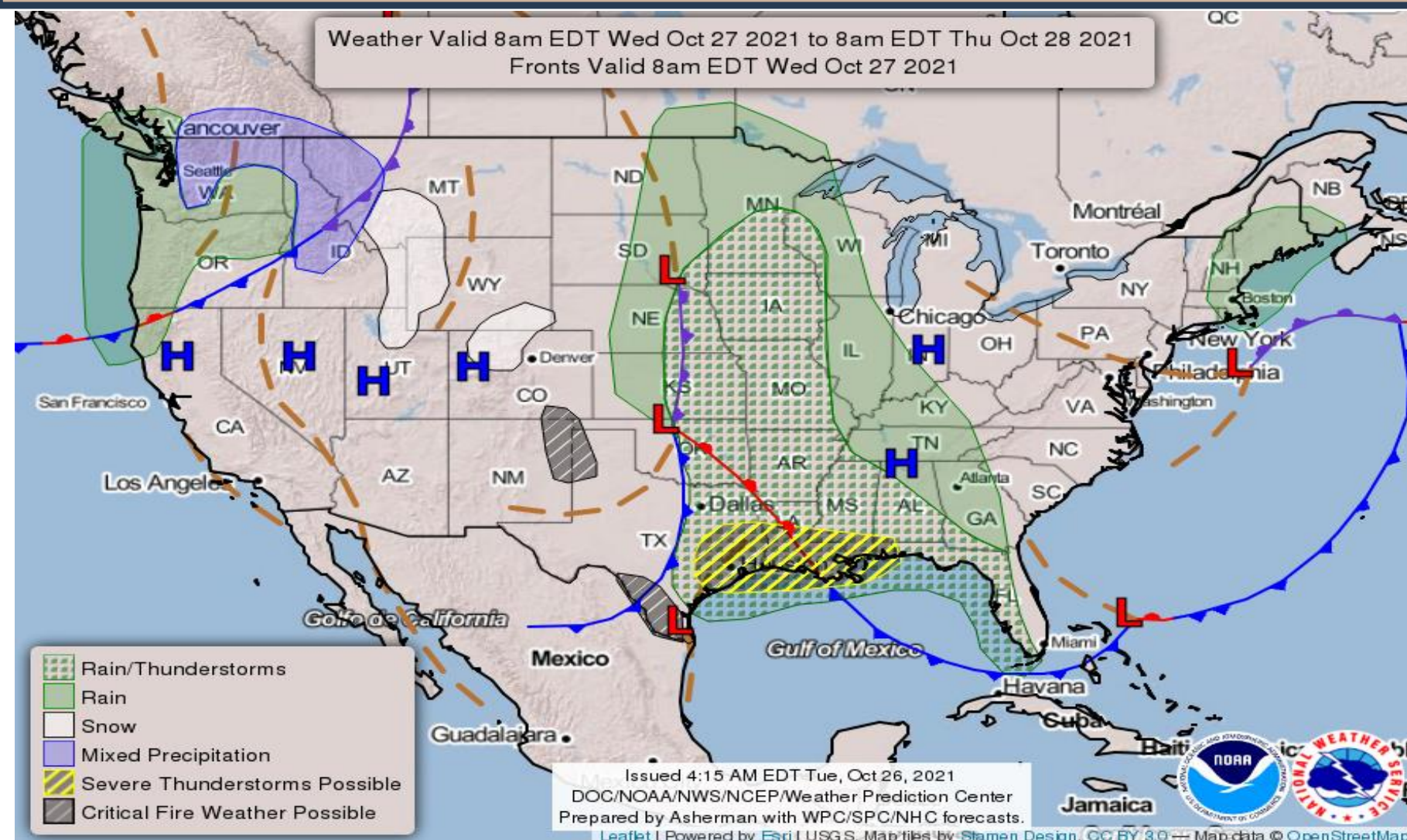


# Tomorrow's Weather

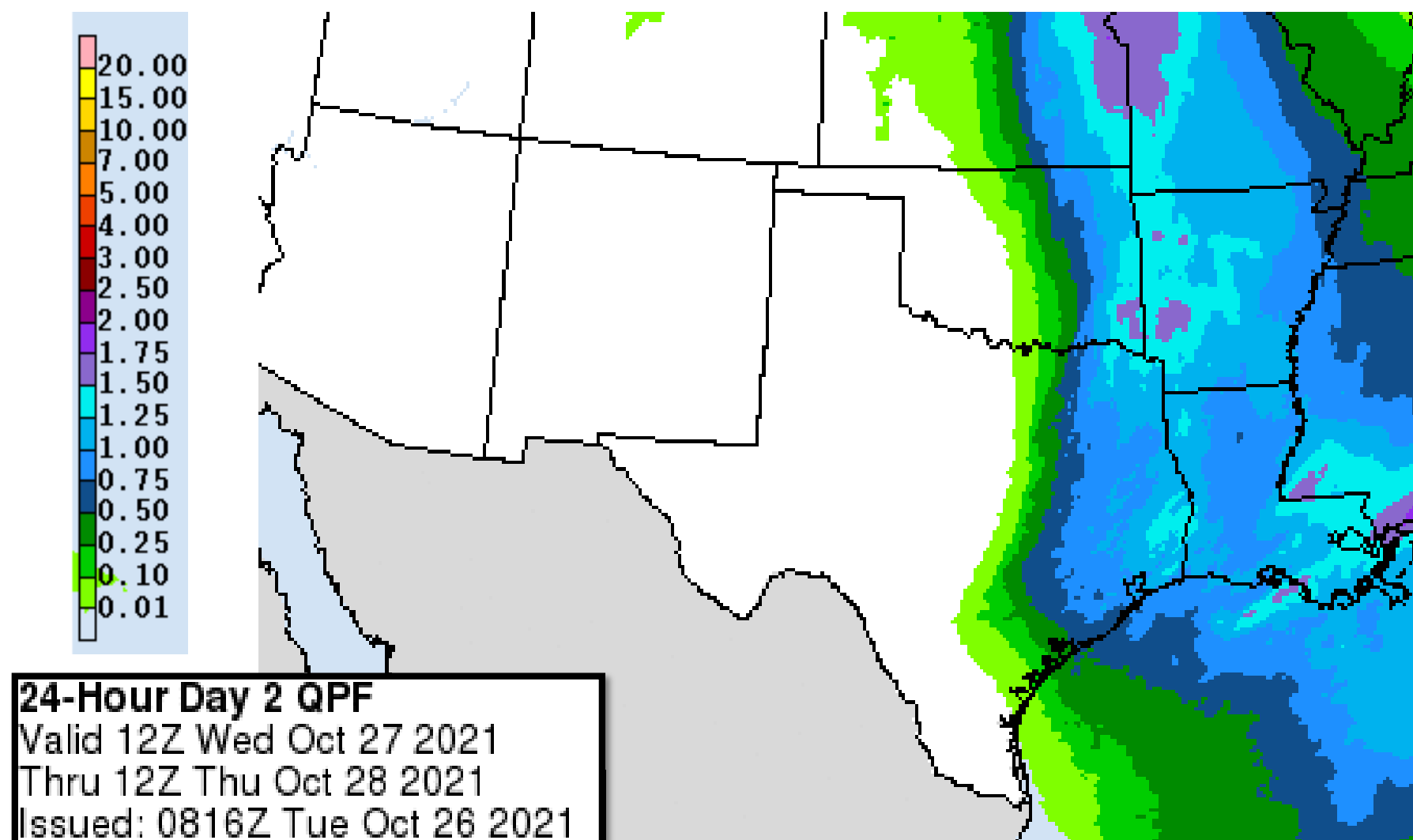


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## Forecast Chart



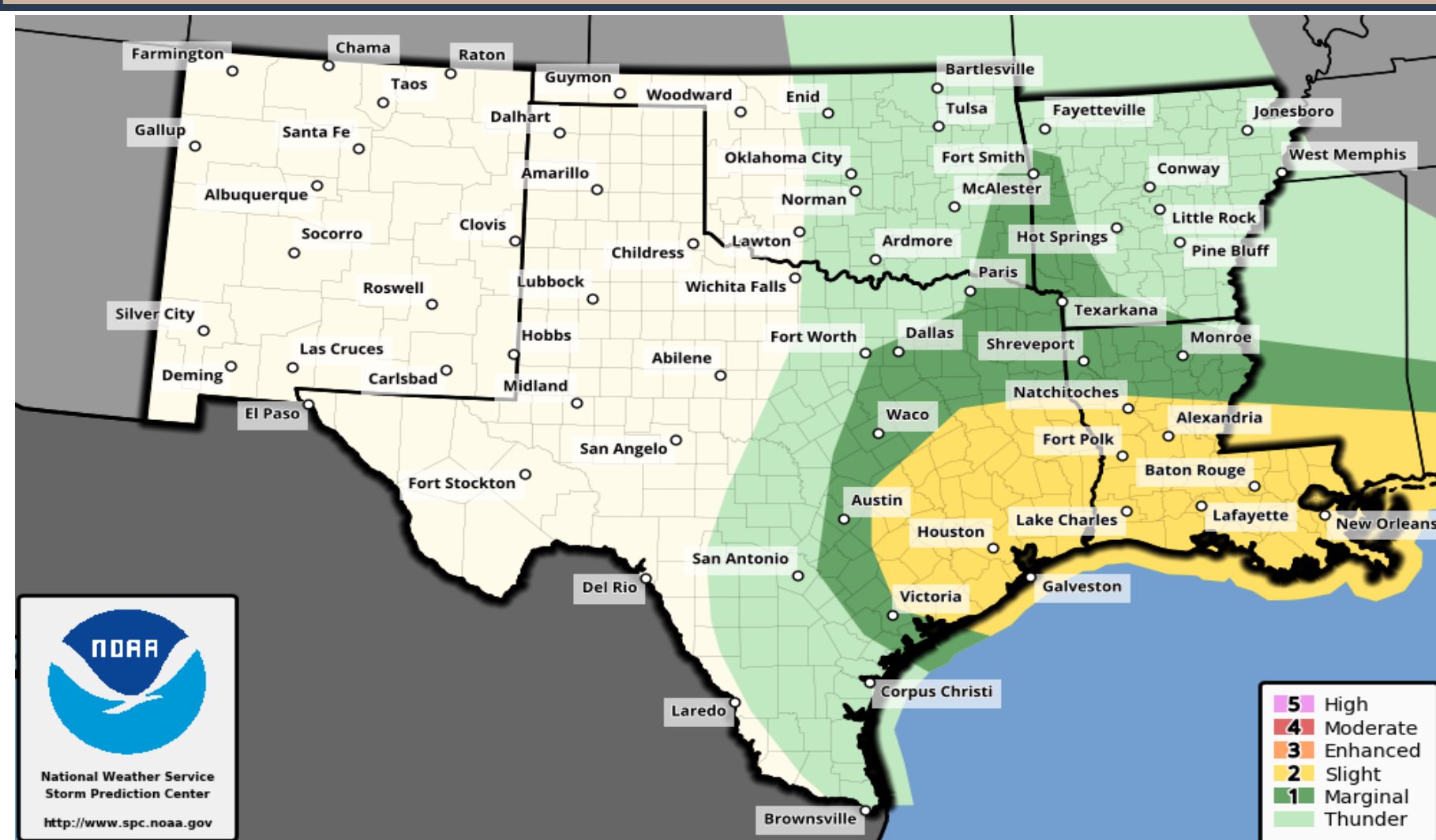
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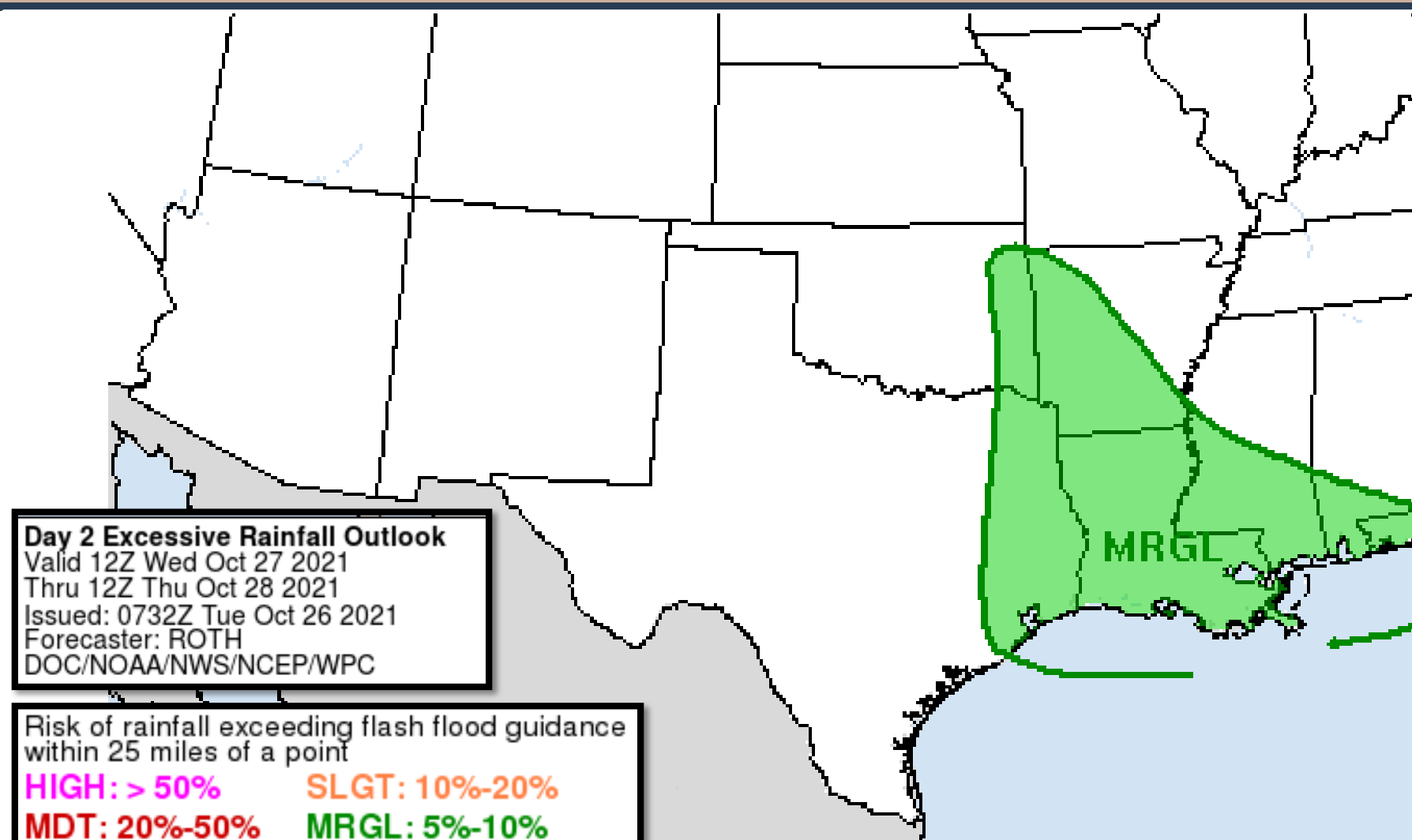
**Slight Risk of severe thunderstorms with wind damage and possibly a few tornadoes from parts of E/SE TX into LA.**

**Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding possible for parts of E/SE TX, E OK, W/S AR, and all of LA.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



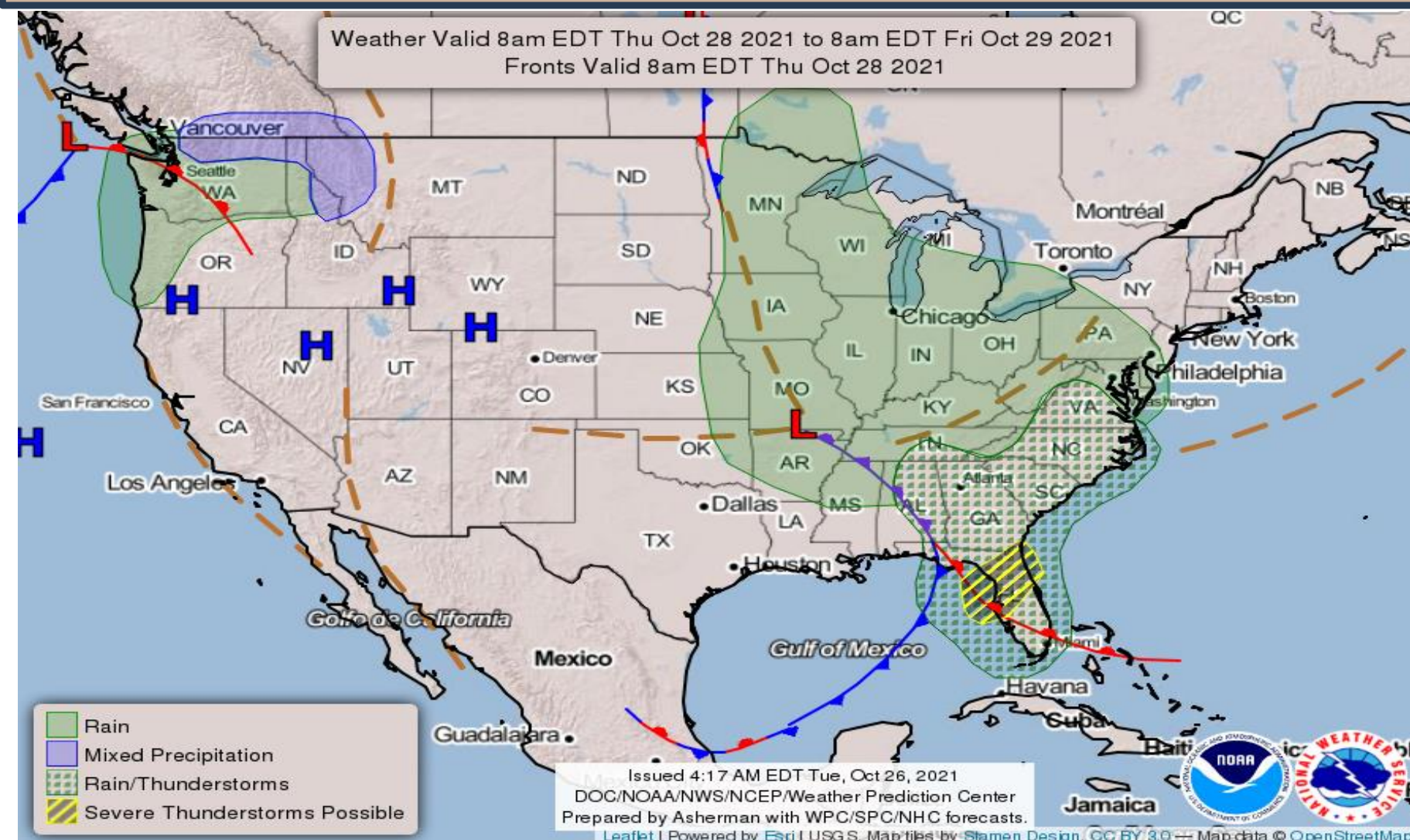
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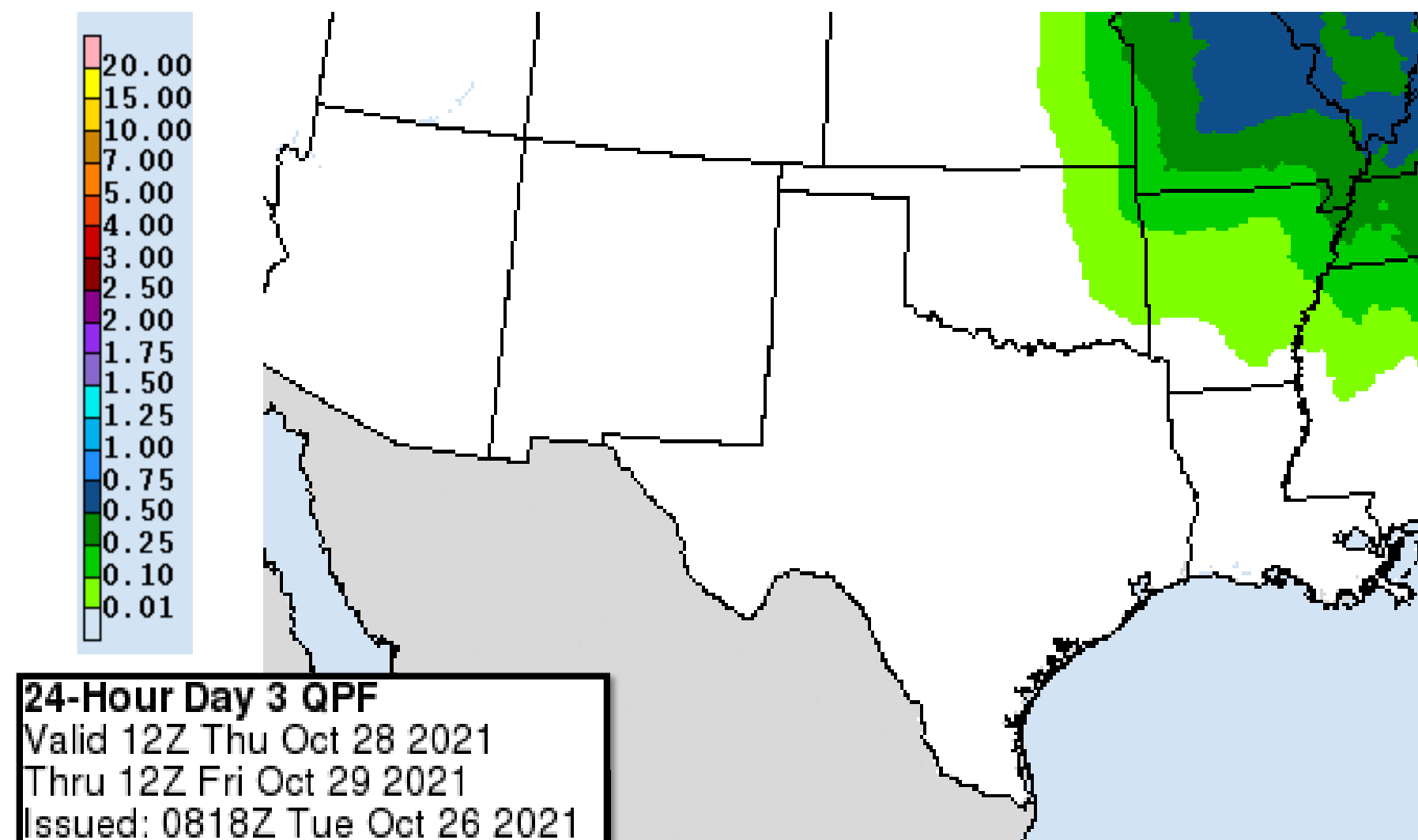


# Thursday's Weather

## Forecast Chart



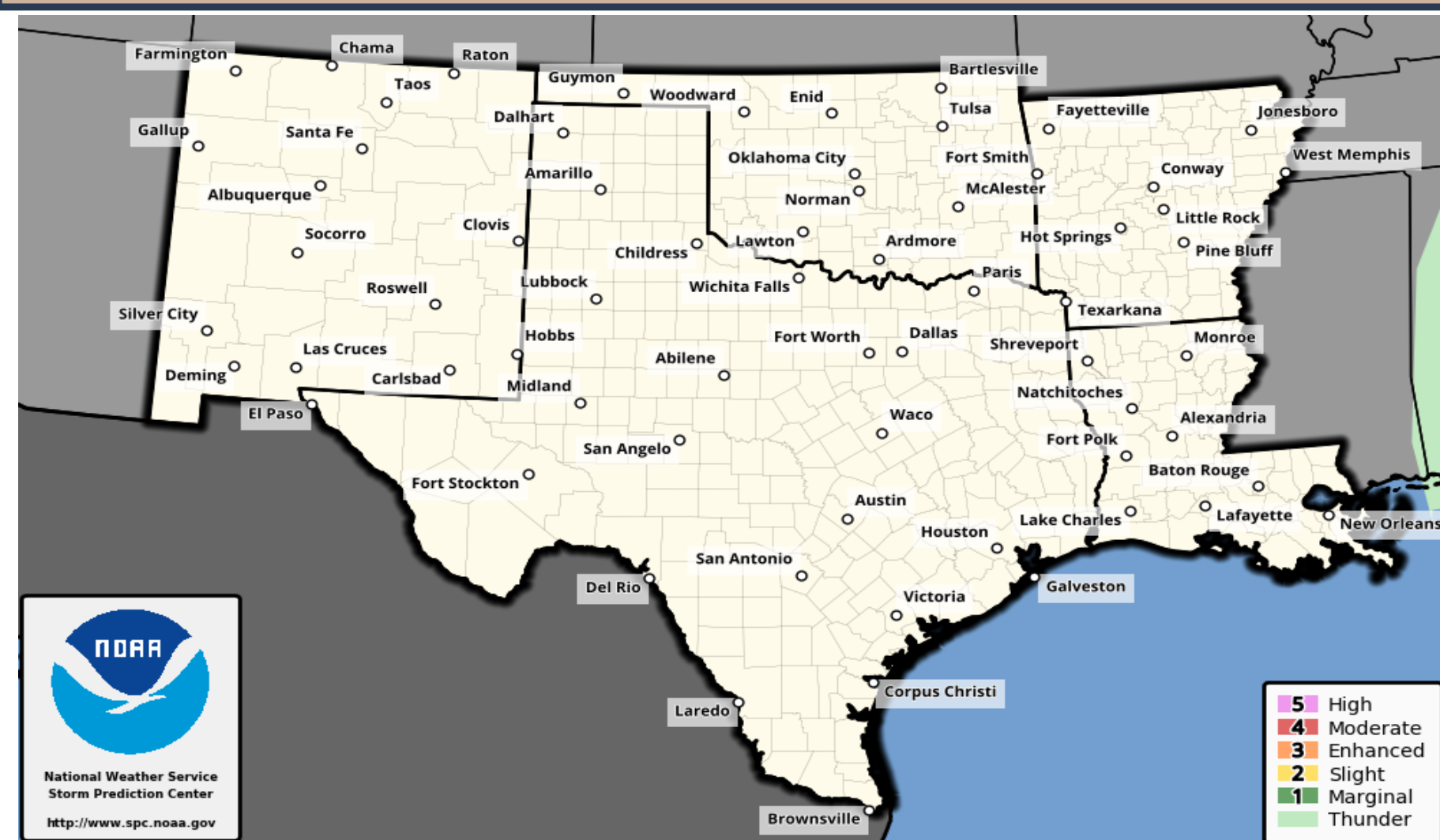
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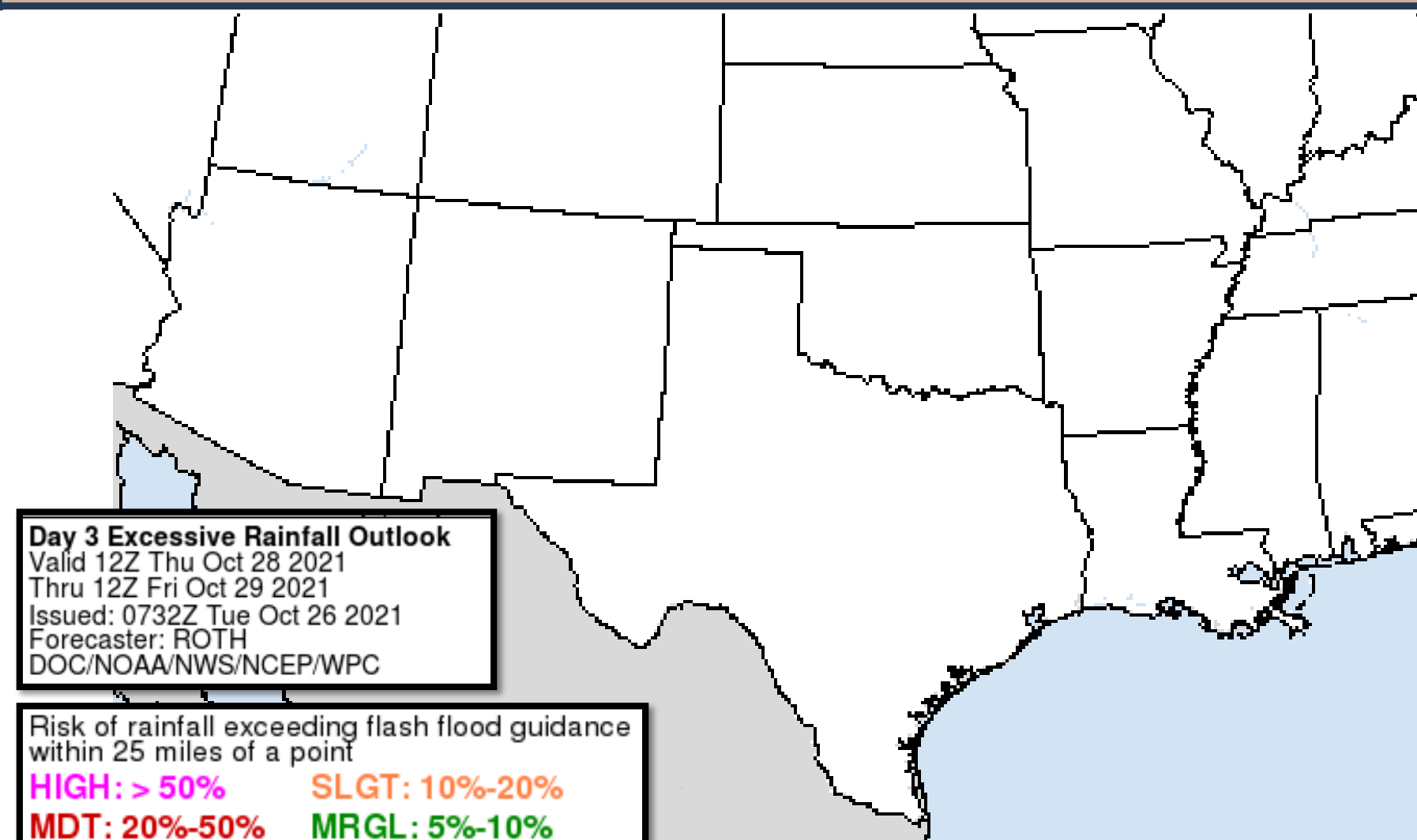
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No significant weather  
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## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





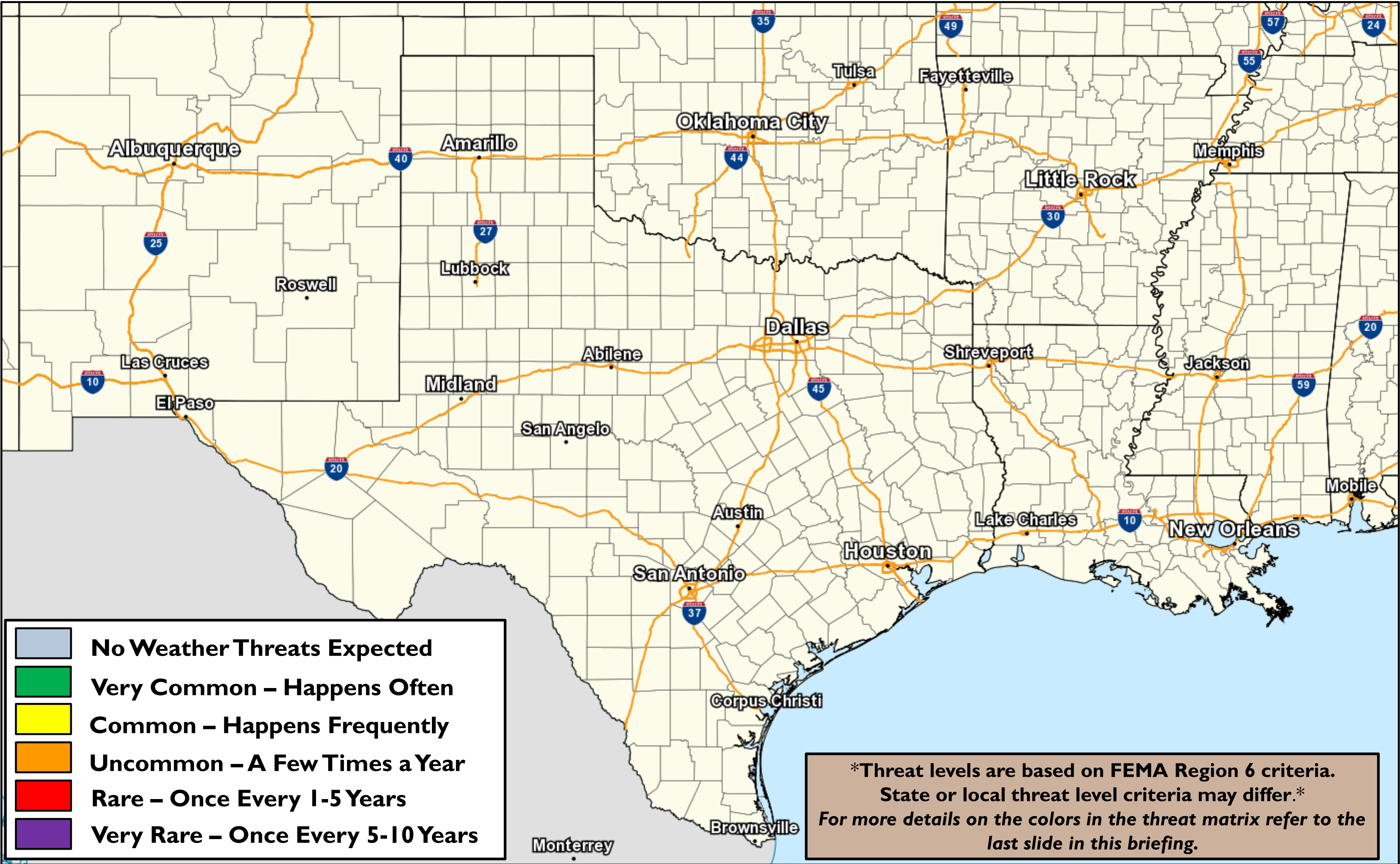
# Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Friday - Saturday



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No significant weather expected.



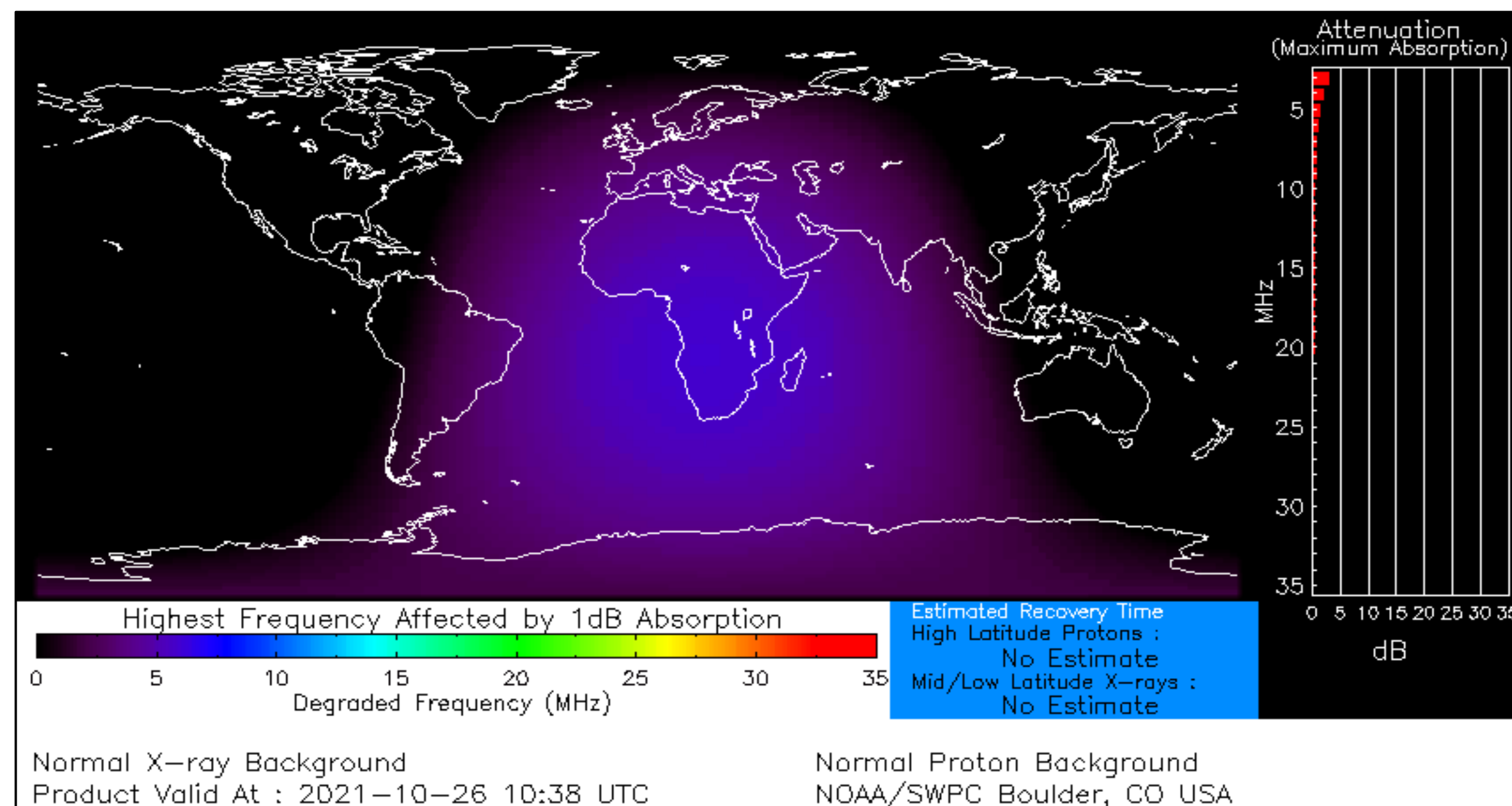


# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



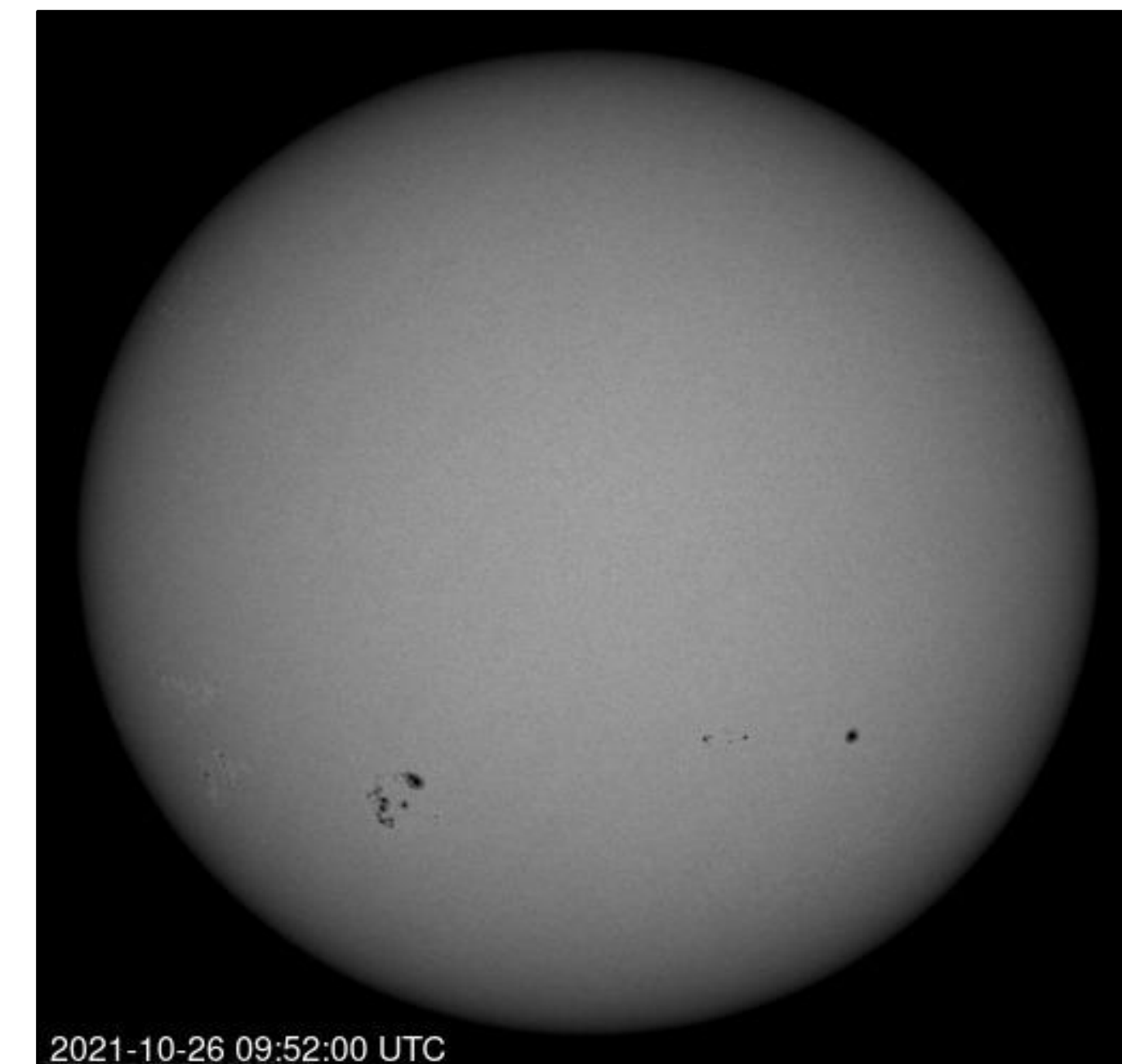
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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	10%	10%	10%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<b>Very Common</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

**Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to**

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